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H.B. No. 1971

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a pilot program conducted by the Department of Aging and
3 Disability Services to authorize certain accreditation surveys of
4 assisted living facilities.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 247, Health and Safety
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 247.033 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 247.033. ACCREDITATION SURVEY PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The
9 department may develop and implement a pilot program to authorize
10 the use of an accreditation survey that complies with Section
11 247.032(b) to fulfill the requirements for a life and safety code
12 survey or inspection or another survey or inspection required by
13 this subchapter. If the department implements the pilot program,
14 the department may implement the pilot program with the goal that
15 not later than August 31, 2014, at least one assisted living
16 facility will have used an accreditation survey for the purposes of
17 this section. The accreditation commission's standards must meet
18 or exceed the assisted living facility licensing requirements
19 established by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
20 Services Commission as required by Section 247.032(b)(1).

21 (b) This section expires September 1, 2015.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.